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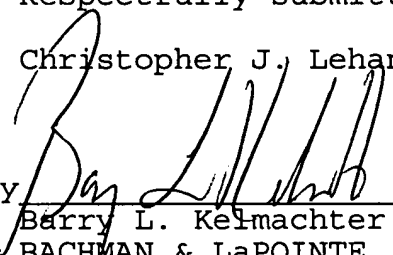
STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(d)(1)

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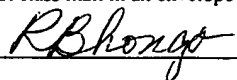
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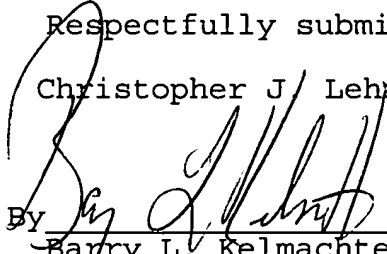
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Applicant hereby requests that the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application consider the Information Disclosure Statement being submitted concurrently herewith.

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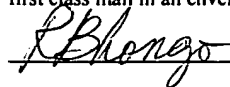
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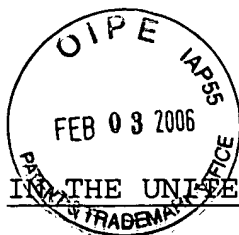
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Sir:

In accordance Applicants' continued duty of disclosure, the following documents are brought to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 6,706,999 B1

U.S. Patent No. 6,515,257 B1

U.S. Patent No. 6,444,948 B1

U.S. Publication No. 2002/0153500 A1

U.S. Patent No. 4,958,900

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U.S. Patent No. 6,489,589 B1

U.S. Publication No. 2003/0103107 A1

United Kingdom Patent Document GB 2 384 734 A

German Patent Document DE 27 11 889 A 1

A listing on Form PTO/SB/08A is enclosed along with a copy of the non-U.S. documents.

The undersigned hereby certifies that each item contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in a search report issued on November 24, 2005 in a corresponding European

application.

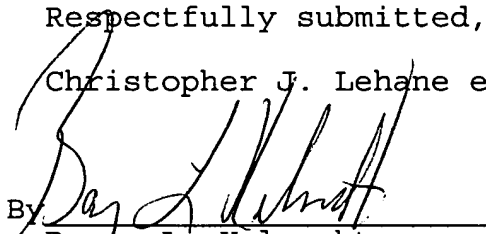
The undersigned submits the above-identified references for independent consideration by the Examiner and does not make any admission that these references are or are not material to the present invention or that these references are or are not prior art with respect to the present invention.

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